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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Trust territories

1. The following is self-explanatory.

United Nations Charter  
Chapter XIII  
Functions and Powers

Article 87 - The General Assembly and, under its authority, the Trusteeship Council, in carrying out their functions, may:

- (a) Consider reports submitted by the administering authority;
- (b) Accept petitions and examine them in consultation with the administering authority;
- (c) Provide for periodic visits to the respective trust territories at times agreed upon within the administering authority; and
- (d) Take these and other actions in conformity with the terms of the trusteeship agreements.

Article 88 - The Trusteeship Council shall formulate a questionnaire on the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of each trust territory, and the administering authority for each trust territory within the competence of the General Assembly shall make an annual report to the General Assembly upon the basis of such questionnaire.

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

Article 5

In discharging its obligations under Article 76 (a) and Article 84, of the Charter, the administering authority shall ensure that the trust territory shall play its part, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, in the maintenance of international peace and security. To this end

the administering authority shall be entitled:

1. to establish naval, military, and air bases and to erect fortifications in the trust territory;
  2. to station and employ armed forces in the territory;
- and
3. to make use of volunteer forces, facilities, and assistance from the trust territory in carrying out the obligations towards the Security Council undertaken in this regard by the administering authority, as well as for the local defense and the maintenance of law and order within the trust territory.

#### Article 13

The provisions of Articles 87 and 88 of the Charter shall be applicable to the trust territory, provided that the administering authority may determine the extent of their applicability to any areas which may from time to time be specified by it as closed for security reasons.

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